

DEPARTMENT 1J

DAIRY

**All exhibitors are required to follow the
Regulations at the beginning of the
Junior Division & the Animal Health Regulations
Found in the Appendix**

**YQCA Is Not Required this Year
But is Strongly Recommended**

**ALL DAIRY ENTRIES ARE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE ENTRY FEES AND STALL RENTAL FEES
WITH THEIR ENTRY FORMS. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS OF THESE FEES.**

Dairy Committee Guidelines

1. Dairy cattle must be checked-in at the fairgrounds between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm on Wednesday.
2. All animals must be checked in by a dairy official.

**Health checks and animal identification will
be completed by 3:00 pm on Wednesday.**

3. **No farm name, family name or ANY advertising, etc. will be allowed on shirts or hats of exhibitors while showing.**
4. Exhibitors must keep records to be eligible to receive special production awards.
5. Portable milk pumps are allowed.
6. **Milking times will be determined by the milk house superintendent and will be posted.**

Proceeds from the sale of milk will be used for the improvement of the dairy show barn and milking area.

PLEASE NOTE: Entry of 16 or more animals in any breed or showmanship class will warrant the establishment of a separate class. Likewise, if breed numbers drop below 16 in a class, breeds may be grouped. All animals shown must be clean & properly fitted.

Definitions:

A **spring calf** is one born on or after March 1 of exhibit year. A calf must be 4 months old by exhibit day.

A **winter calf** is one whose date of birth is between Dec. 1 of year preceding exhibit year & Feb. 28 or 29 of exhibit year.

A **fall calf** is one whose date of birth is between Sept. 1 & Nov. 30 of year preceding exhibit year.

A **summer yearling** is one whose date of birth is between June 1 & Aug. 31 of year preceding exhibit year.

A **spring yearling** is one whose date of birth is between Mar. 1 & May 31 of year preceding exhibit year.

A **winter yearling** is one whose date of birth is between Dec. 1 of the second year preceding exhibit year & Feb. 28 or 29 of year preceding exhibit year.

A **fall yearling** is one whose date of birth is between Sept. 1 & Nov. 30 of the second year preceding exhibit year.

A **2-year old** is one whose date of birth is between Sept. 1 of the third year preceding exhibit year & Aug. 31 of the second year preceding exhibit year, & shall include senior yearlings which have freshened.

A **3-year old** is one whose date of birth is between Sept. 1 of the fourth year preceding exhibit year & Aug. 31 of the third year preceding exhibit year.

A **4-year old** is one whose date of birth is between Sept. 1 of the fifth year preceding exhibit year & Aug. 31 of 4th year preceding exhibit year.

A **5-year old** is one born before Sept. 1 of sixth year preceding exhibit year & Aug. 31 of the fifth year preceding exhibit year.

A **dry cow** shall be non-lactating.

All animals must be purebred

Unless otherwise stated

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

- Best Bred and Owned class is ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR.
- Dairy show order starts with Showmanship, seniors first. After showmanship will be Dairy Open classes. Then all Cow classes, followed by Purebred heifers then Grade heifer classes.

Entry form must list class letter & lot number

Class A --- Holstein

Class B --- Jersey

Class C --- Any Other Breed

(Guernsey, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, Shorthorn)

Class D --- Crossbred

Premiums: \$6.00 \$5.00 \$400 \$3.00

Lots:

1. Heifer calf, spring (purebred)
2. Heifer calf, winter (purebred)
3. Heifer calf, fall (purebred)
4. Heifer calf, summer yearling (purebred)
5. Heifer calf, spring yearling (purebred)
6. Heifer calf, winter yearling (purebred)
7. Heifer calf, fall yearling (purebred)

Champion Purebred Heifer - Ribbon & Trophy

13. Heifer calf, spring (grade)
14. Heifer calf, winter (grade)
15. Heifer calf, fall (grade)
16. Heifer calf, summer yearling (grade)
17. Heifer calf, spring yearling (grade)
18. Heifer, winter yearling (grade)
19. Heifer, fall yearling (grade)

***Champion Grade Heifer - Ribbon & Trophy**

20. Cow, 2 to 3 years (purebred and grade)
21. Cow, 3 to 4 years (purebred and grade)
22. Cow, over 4 years (purebred and grade)
23. Cow, dry, 3 years old and over
(purebred and grade)

Champion Cow - Ribbon & Trophy

Reserve Champion Cow - Ribbon

Supreme Champion Heifer - Trophy

Supreme Champion Cow - Trophy

***Best Bred and Owned (ONLY 1 exhibit per exhibitor)**

- Trophy to Exhibit for Best Bred and Owned

(dam owned by exhibitor at time of conception & papers are required in the show ring.)

PLEASE NOTE

**Exhibitors may ONLY show their
own project animals in Showmanship
& each animal may only be shown
Only once in showmanship**

All issues concerning showmanship animals must be brought to the attention of the Dairy Superintendent BEFORE the start of the Dairy Show.

Class S --- Showmanship

Premiums: \$3.00 \$2.50 \$2.00 \$1.50

Lots:

(Grades determined as of Jan. 1st of this year)

1. Beginners, Grade 3-5
2. Intermediate, Grade 6-8
3. Senior, Grade 9 and over

Pee Wee Showmanship

(Ribbon Only)

--- PLEASE NOTE ---

ALL PEE WEE SHOWMEN MUST BE ENTERED BY 10:00 a.m. THE DAY ON THE SHOW
Exhibitor must be younger than third grade, but at least five years of age. Exhibit must be a spring or winter calf.
Exhibitors must wear durable protective shoes,
NO sandals or flip flops are allowed in the show ring.

Showmanship Rules

Here's the PDCA's Uniform Scorecard for judging junior dairy fitting and showmanship:

Appearance of Animal - 30 Points

- Cleanliness - 10
- Grooming - 10
- Clipping - 5
- Condition & Thriftiness - 5

Appearance of Exhibitor - 10 Points

Showing Animal in the Ring - 60 Points

- Leading - 25
- Posing - 15
- Show Animal to Best Advantage - 10
- Poise, Alertness, Attitude - 10

TOTAL 100

Showmanship classes will follow the cow classes in the morning and will begin with senior showmanship

A. Appearance of Animal - 30 points

1. Cleanliness - 10 points
 - a. The best fitted animals are always extremely clean. Hair & switch must be completely clean and free from stains.
 - b. Hide and ears free of dirt & wax, legs & feet clean.
2. Grooming - 10 points
 - a. Hair properly groomed & the hide soft & pliable. Hair dressing & powders should not be used in excess. Excessive manipulation of hair is undesirable, however, topline may be blow dried & hair spray used to straighten topline.
 - b. Hooves trimmed & shaped to enable animal to walk & stand naturally.
 - c. All animals of all breeds older than six months must be dehorned.
3. Clipping - 5 points
 - a. Final clipping should be done just before the show. Clipped & unclipped areas should be smoothly blended so clipper lines do not show.
 - b. Head, neck, ears, tail, udder (for cows) & elsewhere clipped as needed. Front & rear legs should be clipped to give the appearance of greater flatness of bone & to remove stains. Toplines should be trimmed to improve straightness. Body clipping is acceptable, but additional credit should not be given for professional clipping.
The belly & udder are not to be clipped on heifers that have not freshened or are not close to springing.
4. Condition & Thriftiness - 5 points
 - a. Condition & thriftiness should be normal growth, being neither too fat nor too thin

B. Appearance of Exhibitor - 10 points

1. Clothes and person neat and clean and **NOTE:**
 - **A White shirt is PERFERRED.**
 - **White pants are REQUIRED**
NO khaki colored pants
 - Durable, protective shoes are recommended when large animals are exhibited.
 - Clothing should be practical and tasteful.

C. Showing Animal in the Ring - 60 points

1. Leading - 25 points

- a. Enter leading the animal at normal walk around the ring in a clockwise direction, walking opposite the head on the left side, holding the lead strap with the right hand quite close to the halter with the strap neatly, but naturally (preferably not coiled), gathered in one or both hands. Holding close to the halter or with the hand inside the halter ensures more secure control of an animal.
- b. Animal should lead readily and respond quickly to the exhibitor. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to respond quickly with the animal to the signals given by the judge.
- c. Halter of right type for showing dairy cattle, fitting properly and placed correctly on animal. The nose band should fit across the bridge of the nose midway between the eyes and the muzzle. A leather halter with leather or chain lead is preferred.
- d. As the judge studies your animal, the preferred method of leading is walking slowly facing the animal and holding the lead strap in the left hand with the remainder of it neatly, but naturally, gathered in one or both hands.
At all other times, walk facing forward at a quicker pace. When given the signal to pull into line, move quickly to that position in the ring.
- e. Lead at a comfortable pace with the animal's head held high enough for impressive style, attractive carriage & graceful walk. Never allow a large gap to occur between your animal & the one ahead of you. Do not crowd the exhibitor ahead of you or lead in front of that animal so it cannot be seen by the judge.

2. Posing - 15 points

- a. When posing & showing an animal, stay on the animal's left side & stand faced at an angle to her in a position far enough away to see stance of her feet & her topline.
- b. Pose animal with feet squarely placed. The hind leg nearest the judge is posed slightly behind the other one when showing heifers or bulls. The hind leg nearest the judge should be far enough ahead to allow the judge to see both the fore & rear udder when exhibiting cows.
- c. Animal should be trained so the exhibitor can move it quickly & easily into the correct pose. The position of the rear legs should be reversed when the judge walks around to view the animal from the other side. Do not over show. When judge is observing the animal, let it stand when posed reasonably well.
- d. Face animal uphill, if possible, with her front feet on a slight incline.
- e. Always move quickly into line when given the signal by a judge. Neither crowd the exhibitor next to you nor leave enough space for another animal when you lead into a side-by-side position.
- f. Animal may be backed out of line when judge requests that her placing be changed. Move animal back by exerting pressure on the shoulder point with the thumb and finger of the right hand while pushing back with the halter. Many prefer to lead animal forward & around the end of the line or back through the line. Do not lead animal between the judge & an animal being observed. To move the animal ahead, pull gently on the lead strap.
- g. Do most of the showing with the halter & lead strap & avoid stepping on the animal's hind feet to move them.
- h. Be natural. Over showing, undue fussing, and maneuvering are objectionable.

3. Show Animal to Best Advantage - 10 points

- a. Quickly recognize the conformation faults of the animal you are leading & show to overcome them. You may be asked to exchange with another & show a different animal.
- b. For the judge to evaluate the animal properly, it is vital that the exhibitor know basic information such as birth date, fresh date, breeding date & due date. Knowledge of this information will help show the animal to best advantage.

4. Poise, Alertness & Attitude - 10 points

- a. Keep an eye on your animal & be aware of the position of the judge at all times. Do not be distracted by people or activities outside the ring.
- b. Show animal at all times & not yourself.
- c. Respond rapidly to requests from the judge & officials.
- d. Be courteous & sportsmanlike at all times.
- e. Keep showing until the entire class has been placed & the judge has given the results.

Herdsmanship Contest

The purpose of this contest is to teach young herdsman how to properly exhibit animals in the barn. It gives exhibitors experience in meeting and talking to visitors about their projects. There will be awards presented for herdsmanhip. Judging will be regular.

Awards will be based on the following criteria:

- * See Sample of the Outstanding Club Herdsmanship Award Score Sheet in the appendix of this book*

Club Dairy Herd Award

Three placings will be awarded.

Open to any youth organization.

The following requirements must be met:

- * Exhibit four animals from three different exhibitors
- * Animals may be grade or purebred, any age, either sex, & any combination of dairy breeds are eligible
- * The herd does not have to be pre-entered
- * All animals must have been exhibited in the Junior Division individual classes
- * A club member may act as herdsman
- * A club or chapter may enter more than one herd if they meet all the above requirements

Dairy Production Awards

The South Central Dairy Testing will recognize the highest producing cow in each class of the Junior Fair Dairy Show.

- Exhibitors are to submit ICR (Individual Cow Record), which you can obtain from your field technician, on their animals **prior to the show.**
- Records must be a **completed** record.
- Records from all type tests (except Profitest) are eligible.
- Animals of all breeds, registered or grade are eligible, including dry class animals.

The highest actual 305 days (or less) pounds of milk produced by a cow in the class will received the award.

Minimum requirements: Holstein - 18,168 pounds,

Jersey - 11,070 pounds, Brown Swiss – 13,865 pounds, Ayrshire – 13,452 pounds

Senior Dairy Exhibitor Awards

This award will be presented once upon graduation from high school

The criteria are as follows:

1. Individual must demonstrate a high degree of showmanship skill.
 2. Individual must make all entries in a timely & accurate manner & be in the show ring on time.
 3. Individual must be cooperative with fair officials & other exhibitors.
 4. Individual must maintain a neat & clean appearance.
5. All dairy livestock entered by the individual must be clean, properly displayed & cared for throughout the fair.

Dress A Cow Contest

1. All dairy exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the Dress A Cow Contest
2. The exhibitors of the Supreme Cow and the Supreme Heifer are **REQUIRED** to participate in the Dress A Cow Contest
3. The Dress A Cow Contest will be held the **Saturday** of the fair at **7:30 p.m.**